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THE BELGIAN FACED

By S. THEODORE
FELSTEAD

(Author of "Intelligence")

LEOPOLD III WILL GO DOWN TO POSTERITY AS ONE OF THE TRAGIC FIGURES OF HISTORY. IT WAS HIS MISFORTUNE TO SUCCEED TO THE BELGIAN THRONE AT A DARKENING HOUR OF THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL SITUATION. THERE ARE DOUBTLESS INNUMERABLE PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT IF KING ALBERT HAD BEEN ALIVE AT THE TIME THE WAR CAME, BELGIUM WOULD NOT HAVE SUFFERED HER DIRE FATE. IT IS A PROBLEM WHICH CAN NEVER BE SOLVED.

Across the eastern frontier of his kingdom the Nazis were already beginning their preparations for a second World War, and it was evident to the young King and his Ministers that Belgium would require to embark on a programme of defence which would constitute a severe strain on the limited financial resources of the country.

Leopold's task as King had been no bed of roses ever since the death of his father in 1934. Heavy taxation on the one hand was confronted with falling revenues on the other. Belgium like most other countries in Europe, was beginning to feel the economic pressure arising out of the difficulties of the Great War.

International currents were slumping in an alarming manner, and in Belgium itself there were innumerable political upheavals which made it difficult to obtain stable Government.

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was beginning to burst into bloom. But the people themselves were in no mood to ponder the beauties of Nature. They also with furrowed brows, in the cafes, wondering how soon would come their time.

Four hundred miles away in Berlin, at seven o'clock in the evening of May 1, just when the people of Brussels were hastening out to their suburban homes, highly events were taking place. Colonel Goffin, the Belgian Military Attaché, had been informed, through the medium of a highly placed secret agent, that the long expected attack on Holland and Belgium would begin without fail the following morning.

All the orders had been given. Short of a dramatic intervention by the Fuehrer himself, there would be a crushing assault on both countries in the early hours of dawn.

His heart began to beat furiously. If it were not the first time that such information had reached him, he would have been many other indications that the hour had struck at last.

The agent had added the news that the final order had been dispatched to the army commanders on the front, and that now they would not wait for Hitler. Hitler had definitely sanctioned the offensive, on receipt of news from Norway that the Allies were evacuating every possible man.

An anxious moment in the life of anyone! The Attaché sat down at his desk with his secret code book, took up the telephone and called up the Foreign Exchange. He gave them the news that he wanted in Brussels—that the Chief of Staff, at the very moment when all telephonic communication with foreign countries was cut off, a fact he did not consider unusual.

No reply came through. Half an hour dragged on; the Attaché continued to sit at his desk, fuming and fretting, and wondering what was happening. Outside in the street life seemed to be going on in a normal way. Then the bell rang. The Attaché looked up, startled, and expecting to hear the German tongue and a woman's voice at that.

It was a man who spoke in French—the voice of the man in Brussels who could warn the army in time. The Attaché gave his message in the language of the words, carefully repeating the code, few in number but many in their meaning.

"Is this the time?" came the voice from Brussels. "Everything points to it. It is not a false alarm?"

"I am sure as I can be. At dawn, if my information is correct." No one interrupted the conversation. By some accident, the only one called had been put in and down, and the Attaché rang off. The Attaché rang off and then, wondering what his fate would be, he went along his Ambassador's office to apprise him of what had taken place.

THE KING, the Prime Minister, and other members of the Government received the alarming news calmly. Leopold was unshaken. All his plans had been made. If the news were true, he and his personal staff would move to General Headquarters, the Fort of Breendonk, close to the little town of Termonde.

The Cabinet gathered at the Foreign Office to await further news. First confirmation that German troops were moving up towards the Belgian frontier came at nine o'clock. Two hours later more numerous news came through. By masses of Nazi troops were on the march through the night, and could be only a matter of hours before the invasion began.

Officials who had gone home were roused from their beds. The King was notified that Belgium was again about to face with the brutal German military machine. He was informed that the Ministers waited at the Foreign Office, discussing how the attack would begin.

At half-past four in the morning, a dawn was breaking in Brussels. Speculation was at its peak by the distant hum of aeroplanes. Near and ready they came.

Spaak, the Foreign Minister, saw a squadron of machines flying in echelon. Any doubt about their identity was at an end. The first rifle crash of bomb explosions.

On Brussels, and to show that the Nazis wanted a fair field and no favour, they dropped one in front of their own Embassy, unfortunately missing the Ambassador's residence. The Ambassador anything more than a fair fight.

Spring came. In the woods surrounding Brussels, the ches-

THE TRAGEDY OF LEOPOLD

In this, the second article of a new series, which reveals for the first time the true story behind the capitulation of Leopold III, Captive King of the Belgians, to the Germans, the writer tells the amazing events which brought Belgium into the war.

The material for these articles has been obtained from official Belgian sources in London and throws an entirely new light on the action of a man who has been condemned by some without being heard.

troops. Both Leopold and his Ministers knew that if Belgium entered the war immediately, it would be in a half-ready state, with little or no possibility of holding the Germans off for any length of time.

I have also been told this by the Ministers in London—that if they had openly come out on the side of France and Britain and declared war on Germany, the people would not have followed them.

One in Belgium wanted war. Neither did anyone in Holland. The Belgians did not desire to invade Germany, neither had the Dutch, the Danes, the Norwegians, the Swedes, the Swiss and the Luxembourgers—the members of the League of Nations—who had already affirmed their neutral intentions in the event of a second European war.

WARNING AFTER WARNING

If such a state of affairs suited Hitler's plans, it could not be helped. He could, and doubtless did, say to his Ministers that he would deal with them one by one, two by two, as he had already done with the Czechs and the Poles.

What he hoped to do was to bluff and intimidate Holland and Belgium into surrender without a fight, a policy he found being frustrated by the energetic measures adopted by King Leopold and his Government, as well as by Queen Wilhelmina and her advisers.

All through the winter, with innumerable scares and alarms to mark their presence, Hitler kept twenty divisions, a matter of 2,000,000 men, in positions from which Holland and Belgium could be readily attacked.

During those nerve-racking months did the Belgian Government receive warnings that the Germans would take place within twenty-four hours.

King Leopold in November made a dramatic midnight rush by motor-car to the Hague on one of those occasions and the Netherlands Government ordered the dykes to be opened to flood the country adjacent to the German frontier.

A false alarm or an invasion aimed at by Hitler himself at the last moment? Here may be revealed a secret of world-wide importance known to but few people. It is that, under the terms of the conditions laid down by the Paris Peace Conference, the Fuehrer has the

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LET'S TALK

ACCORDING to Lord Dawson of Penn, there has been some loss of weight among the part of the adult population since the war began. On the other hand, he says there is no evidence of under-feeding due to rationing, and this being so, many of our less weighty population should count their loss much gain. There were, no doubt, some long faces when the country was warned the other day of lean times ahead, but it is consoling to reflect that over-feeding has always been more deadly than under-nourishment.

Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food, has warned us to "get ready for much greater restrictions," but he also assures us that we shall all have enough to eat. I doubt whether many people really believe that "enough is as good as a feast," but this country at war is in the mood to "take what it can get and like it."

NO man in the Government has a harder or more thankless task than Lord Woolton. He cannot be blamed, either for his shipping losses or for the huge diversion of merchant tonnage to military purposes. What he can do, however, is a strictly impartial and business-like distribution of available supplies, so that each may be given according to need.

This may mean bigger rations for heavy workers. It should certainly mean further and stricter limitation of restaurant, club and hotel meals, together with the immediate provision of good canteens in every big works.

On this basis Lord Woolton would have the right to expect something from you and me in return. He would count upon our "playing fair" and so helping him in his impartial distribution. And he could reasonably expect everybody with a patch of garden or other land, to make an allotment to do his utmost to increase the nation's food supplies.

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"I asked them particularly," said Lord Woolton, "that men in uniform engaged in sedentary occupations should be treated on the same level as the civilian population. I met with the most cordial response and I hope it will not be long before something is done."

"Man of the People" hopes so, too, for there has been a scandalous wastage of Service rations. Nobody wants to stint the fighting men, but no one fighting man expects lavish feeding at the expense of his comrades out of uniform.

It is also to be noted with profound relief that the Service authorities are now taking steps to check sheer waste in the big camps and messes throughout the country.

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It is true that of recent weeks our losses have been comparatively light, that we started the war with eighteen million tons of merchant shipping afloat, and that we now have the use of another thirteen million tons of Allied craft.

But in 1917 at the height of the U-Boat campaign the Germans were sinking 200,000 tons a week, and Hitler has boasted publicly that his naval yards "have not been idle during the winter."

Beyond the slightest doubt there will be formidable attacks upon our shipping in the near future. Spring, both by submarines and by bombers. The Navy and the Coastal Command have, of course, many tasks to meet and defeat these attacks.

Nevertheless, we shall need to build new shipping faster than ever before; repair our swiftly loaded and unloaded at top speed; turn our ships around without the waste of a single hour; and operate the entire merchant marine with maximum efficiency.

Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Shipping, is entrusted with this immense responsibility. He is an able man, but he is not a shipping expert, and I share the somewhat general feeling that the Ministry needs an experienced shipping man of furious vigour to run it to the best advantage.

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SPADES ARE TRUMPS! He is one of industry's "live wires," and he reproaches the Civil Service for its adherence to an out-of-date system.

He maintains, with a good deal of truth, that the average young man goes into this Service for the sake of a safe, easy and respectable job.

He passes an exam, begins work somewhere in Whitehall and then: "no one can discharge him except death; no one can promote him but death itself!"

In other words, seniority is the only thing that matters. Civil Servants, good, bad and indifferent, are always waiting to fill dead men's shoes.

This is a bad system even in time of peace. It is a deplorable one in time of war that has had to be discarded in the Fighting Services.

"MAN OF THE PEOPLE" finds it hard to understand why so many writers and so many ordinary men and women still seem to think that any new move by our enemies must increase our difficulties. It doesn't seem to occur to them that Hitler may make bad moves as well as clever ones.

They won't, or can't accept the obvious fact that our own power of initiative and attack is increasing from week to week.

They cannot, apparently, realise that the Premier meant what he said when he "told the world" the other day that, though the Nals had been dropping four tons of bombs on the Jews, one we could drop on them, he hoped to change that proportion in the near future.

It is changing now. We are magnificently equipped with fighting planes, and our bomber strength is growing at a prodigious rate. We can afford to take risks that we dared not take some months ago.

And, at the right time, Churchill is the man to take them. He and Roosevelt both believe that Hitler has already lost his chance of winning the world war.

They probably have more to go on than any military or naval expert who has exchanged the sword for the pen.

ON the home front we continue to make steady progress in various directions. I am very glad to see, for instance, that Mr. Kingsley Wood now seems disposed to meet the main objections which were made to his original War Damage Bill.

When this is next discussed in the House, I understand that he will agree to the free insurance of furniture and chattels up to £200 for unmarried people and up to £300 for the ordinary household.

Furthermore, there will certainly be a fairer and better scheme for the compensation of citizens whose houses have been destroyed by bombs, and I hope it may come near to the principle of rebuilding costs after the war is over.

Strict "equality of sacrifice" is, perhaps, more than we can hope for in this day and age, and more, even, than could be devised by any war-time Government, however willing.

But it is to be noted that a little storm is already brewing in regard to the mere possibility of a further increase in railway rates.

For railway receipts are up to forty-one millions; profits are three millions more than the Government guarantee; and two companies have already announced increased dividends.

The duty of the railways is to carry the public, and the public is certainly going to protest if it is expected to "carry" the railway shareholders much longer.

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THE WORLD ON PARADE

Their Rule Is At Sea

THE Norwegian Government-in-exile is surely the strangest in history. Its domain is the ocean. It has no jurisdiction over land. Yet it is playing an important part in the war, directing the affairs of a huge Merchant Navy.

● Huge barrels painted white and blue stand in prominent places in the streets of the capital, containing clothing of all kinds.

● The rapidly with which barrels are filled and emptied for the benefit of the King's proof of the kindness of humanity in the heart of war.

● Source of revenue for this Government of the high seas is its merchant ships.

● A tonnage charge and an income tax of about 15 per cent of gross income are levied.

● While they wait for the Allied victory, Norway's sailors carry on, the smoke of their freighters the symbol of their anti-Hitler activity.

"OUR HEART'S POSSESSIONS" THAT which a man keeps in his heart is his own self's measure; whether it be evil or good, whether it be courage spiced, ennobled with calm; or whether it be doubt, raddled with fear and craven alarm.

THAT which a man keeps in his heart is his life's own shaping; whether it be deep sincerity or shallow puppet play; whether it be a vision of evil blindness or the heart's high music of tender kindness.

THAT which a man keeps in his heart is that which he treasures, and that is the stuff of his life which God eventually measures—J.M.

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● Ratios have changed from 75 military fatalities to one civilian in 1941.

● Estimated that in present conflict as against 200,000 in armed forces.

"Canny" FROM one point of view the food problem of this war is more serious than the last.

● In recent years Britain has become more "canny." There are in the country some 200 canning factories.

● The industry will be able to make use of surplus fruit and vegetables. A glut on the market of such produce used to mean waste.

● Several women took an aptitude test in the Battle of Britain. In those days there were no rules in the Navy.

● A MAN 6 ft. tall is said to have been shot down in a steady breeze. His shadow is 8 ft. 4 in. long.

● Answer to last Sunday's puzzle: 315422. The Lookers-On.

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FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

HIS HABIT OF MOVING FURNITURE FROM ONE POSITION TO ANOTHER IN AN EIGHTY-ROOMED HOUSE WHERE HE LIVED ALONE COST A WEALTHY RECLUSE HIS LIFE.

The man, Robert Hewson, aged seventy-eight, was found dying in his home, Trent Court, near Tunbridge Wells.

An architect's table near the foot of the stairs was broken and Mr. Hewson's slippers were beside it.

Charles Edward Hewson, of Eastbourne, told the coroner yesterday that his father, who insisted on living alone, had collected many valuable pieces of furniture and liked to move them about.

He would have a piece of furniture brought downstairs one day and put somewhere else the next.

The coroner said that death had resulted from hemorrhage assisted with a blow on the forehead, and recorded a verdict of misadventure.

"Taking that with the broken piece of furniture," he said, "one can assume that by falling on this furniture the bludge was inflicted. What exactly he was doing wandering about at that hour one cannot say."

After the inquest a villager told "The People" that:

"Mr. Hewson was regarded as a very wealthy man."

"He had bought many large properties in Tunbridge Wells and Sussex, and there were at least eighty rooms in the house, he lived in all alone."

There are some London ecclesiastics in the servants' quarters. The house so large that you could shelter 500 soldiers there."

It is packed from top to bottom with antique furniture and valuable crockery."

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A SMILE
FOR HIS
BRIDE



The Hon. Priscilla Brett, after her marriage to Sir Martin Beckett, Bt., yesterday at Chelsea Old Church.

NEW RAD DAMAGE BILL

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HERE'S A STORY THAT WILL BRING TEARS TO THE EYES OF HITLER.

MASTER PETER DOTING OF HALE, CHESHIRE, HAD A BUNCH OF ONIONS. ONE DAY HE WAS COOKING THEM HE RAFFLED THEM, AND REALIZED 151 FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLANES.

THE GIFT WAS ACKNOWLEDGED YESTERDAY BY THE MINISTER OF AIRCRAFT PRODUCTION.

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT
TWO MILLION PEOPLE WHO ARE BUYING THEIR OWN HOUSES, A MILLION WHO ARE ALREADY OWNERS, AND A MILLION SMALL LANDLORDS ARE TO BE SAVED FROM THE THREAT OF PARTIAL RUIN THAT HAS BEEN HANGING OVER THEM SINCE THE GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED ITS WAR DAMAGE BILL.

For when the House meets next the Chancellor of the Exchequer will announce important changes in the compensation to be paid for houses destroyed by air raids.

In its original form, the Bill laid it down that compensation would be based on the value six months before the war.

That would have swept away, at one stroke, the life savings of large numbers of people, because since that date the cost of replacing a house has gone up by at least 40 per cent.

By the time the war ends it will have gone up by 70 per cent, or more.

This the position would have been:

A man who had a house valued at £500 six months before the war would only have received compensation on that basis, despite the fact that it would cost £200 to rebuild the house today, or perhaps £250 to rebuild it after the war.

The Chancellor's new amendment will lay it down that compensation may be paid at the value ruling after the war, when the rebuilding is put in hand.

Another amendment will remove the scheme for providing compensation for damaged furniture.

All damage up to £300 will be met as a free gift from the Exchequer.

People who want to cover their furniture for a sum exceeding £300 will pay a premium on the extra amount.

SLEEPING GIRL IN S.M.'s BILLET

From Our Own Correspondent

Cleethorpes, Saturday. A regimental sergeant-major, who found a girl sleeping in the bedroom floor of his billet, gave evidence at Cleethorpes (Lincolnshire) Juvenile Court today when the girl appeared as being in need of protection.

The sergeant-major said he awoke at 3.40 a.m. and found the girl. He had never seen her before and he had no idea how she got in. He handed her over to the police.

After the mother had said that her daughter had been a lot of trouble through staying out at night, the girl was remanded for a fortnight for a medical examination.

HUNDREDS BBSI, WORKERS WARNED

"MOLE" tactics—bureaucratic underground with their agitation and propaganda—are now being adopted by the Communists.

It is the Minister of Home Security Herbert Morrison for having certain of their activities suppressed. They are seeking to undermine as many of organised working-class movements as possible by planting agents inside and giving a "Red" tinge to their activities.

Warnings will shortly be given by the Labour Party to its branches regarding these "Mole" tactics.

The Queen's Labour League is warning to all their organisations.

The Co-operative movement has just issued a warning to its youth organisations to the effect that the Communists will try to capture them.

Co-operative education committees have received a similar hint.

The National Union of Teachers has also found it necessary to warn its teachers in British schools of Communist efforts to distribute their literature and tempt teachers into their organisations.

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Senator Tamm, one of Roosevelt's bitter critics, today declared that Americans faced the choice, within six months, of going to war.

He said that the R.R. Bill gave the President power to take the U.S. into the war, but he doubted if Mr. Roosevelt would exercise this power while the people remained unorganised.

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"The People's News"

(EXCLUSIVE)

DISCOVERY of anti-Nazi activities right in the district councils of the higher ranks of the Gestapo is causing anxiety in party headquarters. Believed that certain subversive movements have copied the technique of the secret police and are counting on the support of many of its senior members.

While Britain has frankly admitted and cheerfully accepted the need for all possible conservation of resources, the Government has been the crassest lackey to the needs of our plans of a future offensive. Germany is being forced to leave the crassest lackey to the needs of our plans of a future offensive.

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MASS RESIGNATIONS OF ITALIAN NAVAL OFFICERS

ARE PRIVATELY REPORTED FOLLOWING THE TRANSFER OF THE COMMAND OF THE ITALIAN NAVY TO NAZI ADMIRAL VON RAUDET.

German officers and ratings are being posted to the Italian fleet, and it is not so much to stiffen morale but to enforce the "escape" of the Italian fleet and to enforce obedience if and when orders are given to prepare for action.

WHILE GOEBBELS' PROPAGANDA IS PRETENDING THAT THE TURCO-BULGARIAN PACT IS A GREAT TRIUMPH FOR RAZI SM, IT IS ACTUALLY REPORTED TO BE A GREAT DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

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Wake up, Whitehall! COURTS MARTIAL TO GEE UP CIVIL SERVANTS

COURTS MARTIAL FOR THE DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT OF WHITEHALL OFFICIALS SUSPECTED OF NEGLECT OR OF DILATORY ATTENTION TO THEIR DUTIES ARE THE LATEST SUGGESTION FOR GINGERING UP THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Though Lord Simon, Lord Chancellor, dissociated the Government from the vigorous onslaught made on Whitehall's sleepy methods by Lord Perry, head of the Ford Motor Company, fresh criticisms are to be made, and disclosures will be made when the House of Commons sits again.

Mr. J. F. Emery, Conservative M.P. for Salford, not only wants these courts-martial established, but he is to urge the Prime Minister to retire all inefficient officials from the service at once.

There has been failure to learn from previous crises, and the whole method of selecting entrants to the Civil Service should be altered," he told "The People" yesterday.

Reported reports by the Select Committee on National Expenditure have disclosed inefficiency and incompetence of certain officials, and a new system should be introduced which will ensure the Civil Service obtains more competent staffs with the training and experience required for handling the problems that come before them."

Other M.P.s will follow up Mr. Emery's allegations and demands by pointing out their own experience with Government departments. They will disclose that:

It often takes Whitehall six months to answer a letter.

Three months sometimes elapse before a complaint is dealt with.

People who have carried out contracts for the Government have been kept waiting for 12 months for their money, their money, their money, their money.

There is a decided reluctance to take decisions without reference to a higher authority, and then by a succession of steps up to a higher authority still—the "Passed to you, please," game.

M.P.s feel that the senior ranks of the civil service would be improved if men with business and commercial executive experience were taken in, instead of a University education being made the qualifying factor.

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ALFONSO'S LIFE OF ADVENTURE

A BABY BOY, ONLY A FEW HOURS OLD, WRAPPED IN COTTON WOOL ON A SILVER SALLYER, WAS PRESENTED TO AN ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS OF STATE WHO ACCEPTED HIM AS THEIR KING.

That baby was Alfonso XIII of Spain, destined for a life more crowded with incident than any other monarch of his time.

He was only eight months old when the first attempt was made on his life. There were four more.

A bomb was thrown at him as he returned to his palace from his wedding to Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenberg, better known as Princess Ena, granddaughter of Queen Victoria.

BOMB IN BOUQUET Alfonso was twenty at the time of his marriage to Princess Ena on May 31, 1906.

As the State coach was carrying them back to the palace, the coachman was driving in a terrible accident. Hidden in a basket thrown from the coach, an upper window was a bomb.

All the eight horses attached to the coach were killed. The coach itself was damaged and enveloped in smoke, several attendants were killed and many others injured.

But the King and his bride were unhurt. That evening they drove through Madrid without a military escort. Their courage won the admiration of the world.

After the Great War, the Spanish Republic movement drove from strength to strength until, finally, in 1931, Alfonso was forced to abdicate.

His years of exile were spent in Paris and Nice, London and Lausanne, Berlin and Rome.

King and Queen drifted apart and from them Prince Gonzalo, youngest of their four sons, was born. He died of a motor accident, did not meet until 1937.

In the following year the Duke of Covadonga, their eldest son, also died.

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£5—Absolution For A Week's "Cussing"

A LITON BUSINESS MAN HAS SENT A CHECK FOR £5 TO THE TOWN'S WAR WEAPONS WEEK TO PAY IN ADVANCE FOR A WEEK'S SWEARING.

Writing the cheque he said:

"As a penance for all the bad language that I have used during the war conditions, Government authorities, and even ordinary folk will make me use between now and War Weapons Week—absolution in advance—£5."

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Rowntree's Cocoa
The Wonder Table!
For Blood, Veins, Arteries & Heart

"Victory" Squad! ONE PILOT'S "BAG" OF 6 IN 15 MINUTES

ONE OF THE RAF SQUADRONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE WESTERN FRONT FOR THE LAST SEVEN OR EIGHT MONTHS HAS ALREADY SET UP AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD, STATES THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST LAST NIGHT.

Total victories in a comparatively quiet period between the middle of June and December 8 totalled 22 confirmed and nine unconfirmed.

From December 9 to the end of the month, when air activity became intense—the Italians were chased from the sky—the Squadron shot down 29 enemy aircraft, and had, in addition, eight unconfirmed victories.

Against this the Squadron lost two of their eight-gun fighters and five aircraft of an older type. Fifty-one enemy aircraft at least, against seven of ours, is a heartening analysis.

The enemy's unluckiest day was the 13th of the month, when the Squadron shot down nine planes and had two unconfirmed victories. This fearful day's most remarkable feature was that six of the enemy were shot down by one pilot in less than a quarter of an hour.

ATTACK THROUGH CLOUDS
The hero of this feat was flying alone 12,000 feet up between Bardia and Sollum when he saw six CR42s below.

He dived through the clouds to attack the last three Bredas when he saw five CR42s in the air. He transferred his attack to the CR42s, which were flying above the others, and gave each a burst.

Both pilots turned their aircraft on to their backs and baled out. The pilots dived carried him on to another three, with another two bursts he hit the starboard Breda, and the leader of these pilots also jumped.

With four smoking Bredas crashing earthwards and four Italian pilots dangling from parachutes, the flying officer looked around and saw the fifth enemy aircraft below. He fired a long burst into it. The pilot also jumped. The Hurricane had no sooner descended this victim when he was attacked by three more CR42s.

He dived away at 400 m.p.h. At 3,000 feet above Sollum he ran into two more homing CR42s.

Children's health fortified during war years

Vital vitamins now added to Rowntree's Cocoa

CHILDREN are not going to suffer any shortage of necessities if mothers can help it. And one of the best ways to help them is to give them children's vitamins which are absolutely necessary to keep them healthy and robust throughout the war. Those vitamins have now been added to Rowntree's Cocoa, and this is how they protect growing little bodies against build strong bone and muscle—

1. They ward off illness, give protection against colds and flu.
2. They strengthen teeth and bones, promote sturdy growth, prevent rickets.
3. They help the eyes to see better at night—very important in the blackout.

4. They help to keep skin and hair in good condition.
Many sure that everyone in your family gets these protective and body-building vitamins. Give them to their diet the vital elements that build up strength and keep away illness.
Rowntree's Cocoa—containing the Fresh-Food Vitamins—30d. a quarter-lb. 9d. a half-lb.

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NOW CONTAINS THE FRESH-FOOD VITAMINS

Dismay In Berlin And Tokyo

Hitler's New Dilemma

PALACE INVESTIGATURE



Sgt.-Ldr. Rivett Carnac (who received the D.F.C.), Capt. Mitchell, and Sgt.-Ldr. Mitchell (who also received the D.F.C.) leaving Buckingham Palace after a recent investiture.

In Case Of Invasion

HOME GUARDS' ROLE

MILITARY DUTIES OF HOME GUARDS MUST BE CO-ORDINATED WITH THEIR CIVIL EMPLOYMENT. MEN SHOULD NOT BE ASKED TO RESIGN IF THEY CANNOT DECLARE THAT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WHOLE-TIME DUTY IN AN EMERGENCY.

This is emphasised in a memorandum which has been issued to the Military and Home Guard authorities on the relation between the military duties and civil occupations of the Home Guard.

It draws attention to the following points:—
(1) The Home Guard is a voluntary local and part-time force.
(2) The military duties of Home Guards must be co-ordinated with their civil employment, especially where the civil employment is of importance to the national war effort.

It is not in the public interest to ask men to resign if they cannot declare in advance that they will be available for whole-time duty in an emergency. Their part-time status in the meantime is both valued and welcomed, and it is better to accept an invitation to resign at an earlier stage rather than to diminish strength and morale by asking men and women to resign at an earlier stage.

There is no ban to re-enlistment after a voluntary resignation. An ex-member again find himself called on to undertake the duties of a commanding officer has no discretion to enrol anyone under the age of seventeen.

SPECIAL UNITS
A few special units such as mounted and artillery units exist in the Home Guard. At present there is no operational need to form any more of these, nor would it be wise to give them suitable equipment or training.

No more of these are being formed at present, and the general organisation of the Home Guard is likely to remain based on that of infantry.

WE flew blind for an hour and a quarter... My second pilot was saved by a miracle... It was my most adventurous trip.
So declared one of our bomb-laden aces who played an epic part in Friday night's raid on Wilhelmshaven described in "The Observer".
"We pulled out O.K.," he added, "but within a few moments I felt we were being jumped—though this was my twentieth trip."
Things cleared, and with a good bird-eye view of the German coast, he roared into Wilhelmshaven.
"Boy! we were welcomed!" he went on. "Searchlights raked the ships, shells burst like crackers all round us."
Dodging about to battle the ground defences, I heard a burst above us and our plane quivered to the shock.
"I looked round anxiously. Everybody O.K.?" I asked.
"My second pilot answered calmly. I think I've been hit. But?" I demanded. "Not bad," he replied.
Could he keep going to the target? He said they had come to the quayside.
"Sure," nodded the wounded man.

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BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT
IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD OF DIPLOMACY AND STRATEGY TODAY THREE FACTS, ACCORDING TO MY INFORMATION, ARE OUTSTANDING.

(1) Japan's bluff in the Far East has been called by the joint decision action of Britain and U.S.A.;

(2) Hitler, in his dilemma to seek a solution of the difficulties confronting him, is jumping about like a cat on hot bricks; and

(3) Britain is ready for any and every Nazi thrust, and I can hint that several shocks await Hitler and his Axis partner.

There is dismay in both Berlin and Tokyo. The Nazi High Command sees its plans for a Far East conflict upset by the calling of Japan's bluff; and in Tokyo all political parties are appalled at the prospect of disaster now before them as a result of adherence to the Axis tripartite pact.

So far as Berlin is concerned, my information suggests that Hitler is looking for a success of his Far Eastern scheme to divert U.S. aid from Britain and to ease our stranglehold on his few remaining lifelines.

Hitler has emerged the significant possibility that the democratic nations have initiated in the Western Pacific and that on Japan may be thrust the kind of burden which the Axis is unprepared to bear.

Before Berlin now are only limited alternatives, which are becoming practically almost daily.

RACE AGAINST TIME
Hitler's pressing need for quick results. He is racing against time to win them—there are signs of a race against time.

This is hinted at by the fact that last week brought the first official Nazi aid to the German Government. The aid was in the form of a loan, but because it would come too late.

The time has changed—and the warning of American danger is a measure of the High Command's anxiety. The corresponding reaction of the masses appears in due course.

None of the plans now being considered by Hitler's advisers afford his advisers much elation.

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CLARKES BLOOD MIXTURE

When tummy troubles me
I put it right with Rennie's

TONIGHT'S
BLACK OUT
TIMES

London. Begins. Ends.
Glasgow. 7.05 p.m. 7.27 a.m.
Newcastle. 6.56 p.m. 7.02 a.m.
Plymouth. 7.15 p.m. 7.48 a.m.
Hull. 6.58 p.m. 7.54 a.m.
Belfast. 6.58 p.m. 7.54 a.m.
Edinburgh. 7.02 p.m. 7.53 a.m.
Leeds. 6.02 p.m. 7.02 a.m.
Liverpool. 7.02 p.m. 7.50 a.m.
Facts supplied and checked by the Automobile Association.

**JUST DECEIVED
WOPTIMISM**

Rome, Saturday.
A STATEMENT ISSUED HEREIN DECEIVED THAT MUSSOLINI HAS INQUIRED OF MARSHAL PETAIN, THROUGH THE INTERMEDIARY OF GENERAL FRANCO, ON WHAT CONDITIONS THE ITALIAN ARMY IN NORTH AFRICA COULD BE PERMITTED TO PROCEED THROUGH TERRITORY TO SPANISH MOROCCO.

In authoritative circles in Rome it is stated that no message of this kind has been addressed by the Duce to Marshal Petain, says the statement.

It is added that the assumption that Italian troops in North Africa, need to proceed to Spanish Morocco is absolutely unfounded for the military situation in North Africa is not without danger, but provides reasons for optimistic anticipations.

Reports published abroad regarding alleged attempts by Germany to mediate in the Italo-Greek conflict are also denied by the official Italian News Agency—Reuter.

**BIGGEST
BOMBER YET**

Los Angeles, Saturday.
The world's biggest bomber, B19, with a wing spread of 213 feet and of 8,000 h.p., is virtually completed at the Santa Monica works of the Douglas Aircraft Co.

The plane is capable of a cruising speed of 300 m.p.h. and can make a non-stop flight of 7,500 miles.

Total weight is over seventy tons, and it is expected to be made in about a fortnight.

**U.S. TO CURB
SUPPLIES TO
JAPAN, SOVIET**

New York, Saturday.
SUPPLIES TO Japan, which may be used for war purposes, as well as shipments of goods likely to reach Germany by way of Russia, are likely to be affected by a President Roosevelt is expected to make within the next two or three days, the Empire for which they had been white.

Washington correspondent of the "New York Herald Tribune".

A new proclamation placing a dozen or more items under the controlling system is expected to be issued, he says, as part of a move to curtail the export of certain materials of certain material to Japan.

Italy, whose, Germany—which is used for high explosives—vegetable oil, leather and other goods are expected to be included in the list.

British citizenship of mails at Hong Kong has been suspended, and goods are being shipped from Russia and Japan.

American consular officials in the Far East are now investigating the movement of goods of American origin—B.U.P.

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**RAIDERS OVER
NORTHERN TOWN**

Enemy planes reported over a town in the North of England last night.

ALBANIAN FRONT
"Visibility was bad on the Albanian Front and operations were restricted. Athens, Saturday, announced, last night. "Some heavy attacks by the enemy were repulsed"—Reuter.

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